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## **Incoming Media and Congressional Inquiries and Selected News Clips for Regional Administrator's "Real Time" Awareness (Dec. 21, 2017)**

### ***Congressional Interest/Inquiries:***

Nothing new today.

### ***Press Inquiries:***

One new inquiry from a freelance writer in Whatcom County re: rumor of appointment of Doug Ericksen as advisor. Referred to HQ.

### ***Relevant Local and National News Clips:***

#### **YEAR IN REVIEW: Juneau impasse continues, ANWR nears reality, oil production up and insurance premiums down**

Alaska Journal of Commerce | Dec. 21 | <http://www.alaskajournal.com/2017-12-20/year-review-juneau-impasse-continues-anwr-nears-reality-oil-production-and-insurance#.WjwUPodII5s>

#### **Trump's EPA Could Open Door For Alaska Gold And Copper Mine**

National NPR | Dec. 20 | <https://www.npr.org/2017/12/20/562600557/trump-s-epa-could-open-door-for-alaska-gold-and-copper-mine>

#### **EPA says Superfund Task Force left behind little paper trail**

Washington Post | Dec. 20 | [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/whitehouse/epa-says-superfund-task-force-left-behind-little-paper-trail/2017/12/20/2e9d4602-e603-11e7-927a-e72eac1e73b6\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.0c6deb2f07bc](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/whitehouse/epa-says-superfund-task-force-left-behind-little-paper-trail/2017/12/20/2e9d4602-e603-11e7-927a-e72eac1e73b6_story.html?utm_term=.0c6deb2f07bc)

#### **Oil companies aren't promising to drill in ANWR...so how interested are they**

APRN | Dec. 20 | <https://www.alaskapublic.org/2017/12/20/oil-companies-arent-promising-to-drill-in-anwrso-how-interested-are-they/>

#### **Westport man pleads guilty in Spokane to \$65 million biofuels scheme**

Spokesman-Review | Dec. 20 | <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/dec/20/westport-man-pleads-guilty-in-spokane-to-65-millio/>

Highway 22 expected to reopen Friday

Sisters Nuggett – Dec. 21 - [http://www.nuggetnews.com/main.asp?](http://www.nuggetnews.com/main.asp?SectionID=5&SubSectionID=5&ArticleID=26734)

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**ODOT: Hwy 22 could reopen Friday, a week after deadly fuel truck crash, fire**

KVAL TV NEWS(Eugene) | Dec. 21 | <http://kval.com/news/local/odot-hwy-22-could-reopen-friday-a-week-after-deadly-fuel-truck-crash-fire>

**Hwy. 22E should reopen within 24 hours, ODOT says**

KTVZ TV NEWS(Bend) | Dec. 21 | <http://www.ktvz.com/news/hwy-22e-should-reopen-within-24-hours-odot-says/676014473>

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**The New Scientist:** Jake Buehler = Freelance Science Writer, [jakebuehler.com](http://jakebuehler.com), science writer currently working on a story for New Scientist about recently published research that was largely driven by the work of EPA scientists at the Western Ecology Division. Forwarded to HQ OPA/ORD - CLOSED

**Bloomberg:** Reporter Tripp Balz emailed with questions and fact check upcoming story on release of Portland Harbor baseline sampling agreement. [Status: Closed]

**Portland Business Journal:** Reporter Pete Danko called with clarifying questions on Portland Harbor baseline sampling agreement and Superfund process. [Status: Closed]

***Relevant Local and National News Clips:***

**See comprehensive set of Portland Harbor clips sent by Suzanne Skadowski separately earlier today (there are a few below, but not all).**

**Salem begins using water from treatment facility again after possible river contamination**

KATU | Dec. 20 | <http://katu.com/news/local/salem-begins-using-water-from-treatment-facility-again-after-possible-river-contamination>

**EPA, four companies reach key Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup deal**

Portland Business Journal | Dec. 20 | <https://www.bizjournals.com/portland/news/2017/12/19/epa-four-companies-reach-key-portland-harbor.html>

**EPA inks deal with industrial polluters to lead next phase of Portland Harbor Superfund work**

Portland Tribune | Dec. 19 | <https://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/381854-269820-epa-inks-deal-with-industrial-polluters-to-lead-next-phase-of-portland-harbor-superfund-work>

**Agreement Sets Pollution Testing Plan For Portland Harbor Superfund Site**

OPB | Dec. 19 | <https://www.opb.org/news/article/new-agreement-sets-pollution-testing-plan-for-portland-harbor-superfund-site/>

**Officials Have About 10 Years To Complete Bull Run Water Filtration Plant**

Oregon Public Broadcasting | Dec. 19 | <https://www.opb.org/bull-run-water-filtration-compliance-schedule/>

**Deadline Set for Crypto Filtration Plant, OHA required Portland Water Bureau to begin filtering Bull Run water in just under 10 years, and to take many other precautions in the meantime.**

Portland Tribune | Dec. 19 | <http://portlandtribune.com/deadline-set-for-crypto-filtration-plant>

**Floating the Willamette: Initiative strives to return the river to a more natural state**

Corvallis Gazette-Times | Dec. 18 | <http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/36234200-75/floating-the-willamette-initiative-strives-to-return-the-river-to-a-more-natural-state.html.csp>

**Drilling opponents take fight to courts, public**

Greenwire | Dec. 20 | <https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/12/20/stories/1060069571>

**Climate task force begins work — and push-back begins, too**

KTOO | Dec. 20 | <https://www.ktoo.org/2017/12/19/climate-task-force-begins-work-push-back-begins/>

**Controversial Bristol Bay Mine Gains New Partner**

Maritime Executive | Dec. 19 | <https://maritime-executive.com/editorials/bristol-bay-gold-mine-gains-new-partner>

**Pebble prospect owners might have new investor**

Alaska Journal of Commerce | Dec. 19 | <http://www.alaskajournal.com/2017-12-19/pebble-prospect-owners-might-have-new-investor#.WjrFQd-nG70>

**The paradox of Pebble Mine, aesthetically**

Anchorage Press | Dec. 19 | [http://www.anchoragepress.com/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/art-sleuth-the-paradox-of-pebble-mine-aesthetically/article\\_7486bf02-e4f7-11e7-99f4-cb58a1696f67.html](http://www.anchoragepress.com/arts_and_entertainment/art-sleuth-the-paradox-of-pebble-mine-aesthetically/article_7486bf02-e4f7-11e7-99f4-cb58a1696f67.html)

**Court orders EPA to set timetable for ozone designations**

E&E News | Dec. 20 | <https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060069577/search?keyword=epa>

**Other news releases of note:**

Unified Command Statement on tanker accident in Oregon attached.

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